



Examples of complex reactive flow applications

- Energy production by nuclear reactions

Computational astrophysics, inertial confinement fusion,
nuclear reactor design

- Energy production by chemical reactions

Internal combustion engines, gas turbines, industrial
burners and boilers, chemical propellants, incinerators,
SCRAMJET and hypersonic jet engines



An Example Simulation Center for Engine Design

- **Address problems with similar physics and chemistry features to ASCI and SBSS applications problems**
- **Issues related to parallel computing should be involved**
- **Problems are essentially 3-dimensional**
- **Multiphase flow systems**
- **Turbulence is a central technical problem**
- **A multidisciplinary team approach is required**
- **Problems involve all three DP national laboratories**



Hydrodynamics

- **Three dimensional, time - dependent**
- **Structured grids for some applications**
e.g., fuel / air mixing
- **Unstructured grids**
e.g., full system with moving pistons and valves
- **Gridless methods**
- **Scalable to massively parallel architectures**



Relationship of reactive flow modeling to ASCI

“You are developing computational models for nuclear weapons simulations that you can never test. Can you develop comparable models for unclassified systems that can be tested and validated?”

**Professor Steve Koonin, Provost, California Institute of Technology
National Security Advisory Committee
November 26, 1996
paraphrased**

Chemical and nuclear reaction rates

General form for reaction rates:

$$k = C1 * C2 * \exp (-E / RT)$$

- **Nuclear** C1 and C2 refer to D, T, neutrons etc.
- **Chemical** C1 and C2 refer to hydrocarbons, OH, O, and other chemical radical species
- **Both involve solution of implicit, stiff differential equations**
- **Both require transport and reactions of multi-species mixtures**



Transport physics modeling

Chemical systems:

**Transport via advection and diffusion for fuel, oxidizer, product
and intermediate chemical species**

Examples: C₃H₈, O₂, CO₂, OH, HO₂, NO

Typical number of species 50 - 100 (600)

Nuclear systems:

**Transport via advection and diffusion for fuel, product and
intermediate species**

Examples: DT, He₄, n, Pu₂₃₉, fission products

Typical number of species 50 - 100

Transport physics required

- **Species transport**
Reactions, product species, advection and diffusion
- **Radiation transport**
Furnaces, soot, diesel engines, diagnostics
- **Particle transport**
Spray injection
- **Need for algorithm development, model integration**
- **Need for MPP techniques and formulations**



Requirements for multiple physics models

Engines and furnaces:

Reactant mixing

Reaction rates

Multiphase flows

Hydrodynamics

Pollutant and trace species emissions

Turbulent flows and reaction rates

Moving boundaries, surfaces

Ignition, critical phenomena

Massively parallel computing



Computer science needs

- Domain decomposition
- Load leveling
- Object - oriented programming
- Mesh and problem generation
- Computer languages C, C++
- Program development environment
- Visualization of results
- Others



Logical steps for model development

- **Start with hydrodynamics foundation**
- **Establish computational core**
- **Add physics and chemical submodels as needed for applications**
- **Establish and develop interactions with experimental programs**
- **Test submodels within overall code structure**
- **Refine submodels**



Simulation Development Roadmap

Step 1

Air Intake and fuel injection

- **Aerosol or spray formation and vaporization**
- **Turbulent mixing of fuel and air**
- **Multiphase flow prediction**
- **Formation of viscous wall layers**
- **Equation of state**
- **Wall heat transfer**



Simulation Development Roadmap

Step 2

Compression of fuel - air mixture

- **Compressible turbulence with heat and mass transport**
- **Kinetic reaction modeling (preignition and knock)**
- **Wall heat transfer**
- **Surface chemistry simulation**
- **Liquid fuel vaporization and mixing**
- **Equation of state**
- **Closing of intake valves or ports**



Simulation Development Roadmap

Step 3

Ignition and Combustion

- **Plasma arc formation and expansion**
- **Chemical kinetics, stiff equations**
- **Radiation transport**
- **Coupled hydrodynamics and energy release**
- **Turbulent mixing of reactants and products**
- **Surface kinetics modeling**
- **Soot formation**
- **Equation of state**



Simulation Development Roadmap

Step 4

Expansion stroke

- **Wall heat transfer**
- **Coupled chemical kinetics and radiation**
- **Turbulent heat and mass transport**
- **Roll-up vortex and crevice volume mixing**
- **Surface chemistry**
- **Soot production and destruction**
- **Chemical pollutant species production**



Simulation Development Roadmap

Step 5

Exhaust cycle

- **Kinetic reactions in exhaust port**
- **Surface chemistry**
- **Soot evolution**
- **Pollutant oxidation in catalyst**
- **Equation of state**
- **Heat transfer**
- **Materials physics**



Organizational Concept

- Program centered at a single university
- Multidisciplinary collaboration involving relevant departments
e.g., Mechanical Engineering, Chemistry, Computer Science
Applied Mathematics, Physics
- Involvement of other universities is encouraged
- Close collaboration with DP National Laboratories important
- Establish connections and access to MPP facilities
- Develop collaborations with industrial engine design programs